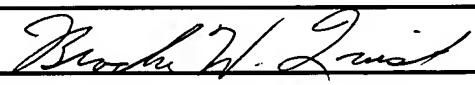
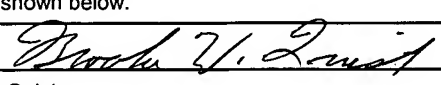
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the final Office action of November 4, 2004, and is timely filed with a one month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Estakhri et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,935) in view of Konishi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,579,502). Claims 1, 10, and 20 have been amended. No new claims have been added. No claims have been deleted. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.